

Docket No. 210349US0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tetsuya HIKASA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/892,543

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ETHYLENE-VINYL ACETATE COPOLYMER AND SAPONIFIED PRODUCT THEREOF



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Copy of Figure from US 3,513,142 (Blumberg); Copy of Figure According to Present Invention

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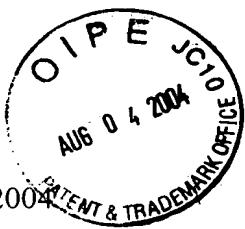
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

The **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.